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All claims pending in the application are patentable over Smith et al., U.S. Patent 5,455,409 in view of Ruppert et al. U.S. Patent 5,640,002. Claim 1 defines a hand holdable portable reader device including a trigger device configured to print human readable indicia determined by at least some of the data signals received from the receiver means onto a print media.

Claims 2-13 have been canceled and are currently pending in the parent (09/937,021) to this continuing application.

Claim 14 defines a hand-holdable portable reader device for reading the data from a memory device on a data storage device, wherein the portable reader device includes current means operable under control of a processor means for printing a label in response to a user command signal input activated by a keypad data entry means, wherein the label includes at least some of the data read from the memory device to the storage device. Method claim 15, upon which claims 16-18 depend, is also clearly allowable over the art of record. Claim 15 is directed to a method of enabling personnel to determine information about data stored in a memory structure of a housing having a data storage structure storing signals indicative of the information. The method comprises the steps of carrying by hand a hand holdable portable reader for the signals stored by the data storage. The hand holdable portable reader is required to include a printer. The data storage structure is required to be inserted into a port of the portable reader. While the data storage structure is inserted into the port the reader is caused to read the storage signals indicative of the information

from the data storage structure. The printer of the reader is caused to print a label in human readable form in response to the storage signals read by the reader. The printed label including the information in human readable form is required to be attached to the housing.

Dependent method claims 16-18 add additional features to claim 15. In particular, claim 16 requires the method of claim 15 to be used with a reader having a display and a key pad for tactile operation by a user of the reader. The method further comprises causing the display to display to the user the information in human readable form in response to tactile operation of the key pad by the user.

Claim 17 requires the method of claim 16 to further comprise causing the display to display to the user a message requesting the user to selectively activate the printer to print the label after the display has displayed the information; the user responds to the message by tactile activating the key pad.

Claim 18 further indicates that the method of claim 15 requires the reader to include a display and a key pad for tactile operation by a user of the reader, wherein the method further comprises causing the display to display to the user the information in human readable form and causing the display to display to the user a message requesting the user to selectively activate the printer to print the label after the display has displayed the information.

In addition, claim 19 and the claims dependent thereon (i.e., claims 20-30) specifically define a hand holdable portable device responsive to data on a housing carrying a large capacity memory, wherein the data are indicative of information stored in the large capacity memory. The device includes a hand holdable portable casing including, inter alia, a printer connected to

be selectively responsive to the data stored in a memory for printing in human readable form onto a print medium at least some of said information indicative of the information stored in the large capacity memory.

Many of the dependent claims define distinguishing features over the applied art. Claim 20 requires the printer of claim 19 to be arranged for printing said at least some of said information in human readable form on a label having a size and shape for direct attachment to said housing carrying the large capacity memory.

Claim 21 requires the data to be indicative of plural aspects of the information stored in the large capacity memory, and further defines a processor arranged for causing the memory to couple said data indicative of the plural aspects of the information stored in the large capacity memory to the printer. The printer is arranged for printing in human readable form the data indicative of the plural aspects of the information stored in the large capacity memory.

Claim 22 says the printer is arranged for printing a label including the data indicative of the plural aspects of the information stored in the large capacity memory in human readable form. The label has a size and shape for direct attachment to said housing carrying the large capacity memory.

Claims 23 and 26 require the casing to further include a display and a key pad adapted to be tactile operated by a user. The processor is arranged for causing the memory to couple said data indicative of the plural aspects of the information stored in the large capacity memory to the display and for causing the key pad to selectively couple commands resulting from tactile operation of the key pad to the display and printer. The display is arranged to respond to the

commands resulting from tactile operation of the key pad and said data stored in the memory indicative of the plural aspects of the information stored in the large capacity memory for activating the display for causing display in human readable form of the plural aspects of the information stored in the large capacity memory.

Claims 24 and 27 say the plural aspects of the information stored in the large capacity memory include (a) the name of a file in the large capacity memory, (b) the date said file was stored in the large capacity memory and (c) the amount of unused data space in the large capacity memory.

Claims 25 and 28 require the casing to have a port for connection to a computer and interface for coupling data to the port, thence to the computer.

Claim 29 requires the printer to include a receptacle for receiving a roll of blank labels adapted to have printed thereon by the printer the information in human readable form. The blank labels have a size and shape for direct attachment to said housing for the large capacity memory.

Claim 30 says the housing includes a further transducer for emitting a wave having a magnetic component. The further transducer is coupled with a source of the data indicative of information stored in the large capacity memory for causing the wave to carry the data indicative of information stored in the large capacity memory. The transducer the casing is positioned and arranged to receive the wave having a magnetic component while the housing is located in the port.

Claim 31 is directed to a method of enabling personnel to determine information about the contents of a large capacity memory carried by a housing, wherein the housing carries data indicative of the information. The method includes causing a printer of a hand holdable portable casing to print the information about the contents of the large capacity memory in human readable form in response to the read data indicative of the information about the contents of the large capacity memory. The printed information in human readable form about the contents of the large capacity memory is required to be put on the housing.

Claim 32 says the printer of claim 31 prints the information about the contents of the large capacity memory in human readable form on a label that is supplied to the housing.

Claim 33 requires the casing to include a display and a key pad for tactile operation by a user of the casing. Claim 33 defines a step of causing the display to display to the user the information in human readable form about the contents of the large capacity memory in response to tactile operation of the key pad by the user.

Claim 34 adds to claim 33 the step of causing the display to display to the user a message requesting the user to selectively activate the printer to print the label after the display has displayed the information. The user responds to the message by tactile activating the key pad.

Claims 35-37 indicate the information about the contents of the large capacity memory includes (a) the name of a file in the large capacity memory, (b) the date said file was stored in the large capacity memory and (c) the amount of unused data space in the large capacity memory. Claims 35 and 36 say the printer and display are activated to print and display (a) the name of the file in the large capacity memory, (b) the date said file was stored in the large

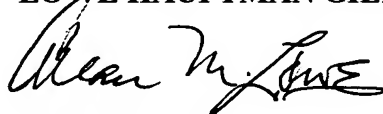
capacity memory and (c) the amount of unused data space in the large capacity memory. Claim 37 says printer is activated to print (a) the name of the file in the large capacity memory, (b) the date said file was stored in the large capacity memory and (c) the amount of unused data space in the large capacity memory.

Claim 38 requires the data indicative of the information to be loaded in an erasable low capacity memory of the housing. The data loaded in the erasable low capacity memory are indicative, inter alia, of the amount of unused data space in the high capacity memory as changes occur in the high capacity memory.

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